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TO: District Test Coordinators

FROM: Pearson, on behalf of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE)

SUBJECT: Instructions for Ordering Materials for the May 2010 ADP Algebra I End-of-Course Exam

In spring 2010, New Jersey will once again participate in the multi-state American Diploma Project (ADP) **Algebra I End-of-Course Exam. Please note that, per announced NJDOE policy, all students who will complete Algebra I or a course equivalent during the 2009-2010 school year are required to take the test.** New Jersey students will take the Algebra I Exam on May 24, 2010 (regular) and May 27, 2010 (make-up).

Please work with Pearson to provide a count of the number of students you expect to participate (participation counts). Attached to this memorandum, you will find additional information and instructions from Pearson about this process. Your participation counts must be entered into the PearsonAccess website at www.PearsonAccess.com between February 1 and March 2, 2010.

Additional administrative details about the Spring 2010 administration of the Algebra I Exam are as follows:

- There is no charge to districts for the Algebra I Exam. The State will cover the entire cost of the administration, scoring, and reporting. Please use your Algebra I classroom rosters to determine the number of test books to order.
- Online testing is an option. Districts testing online may be eligible for additional scheduling flexibility; interested districts should contact the NJ DOE Office of State Assessments (see below).
- Students who will complete an Algebra I course or its equivalent any time during the 2009-2010 school year must be tested.
- Districts will be expected to administer the assessment under secure conditions, as they would the regular statewide assessments.
- The exam is designed to take approximately 120 minutes, comprised of two 60-minute sessions, one of which will allow calculator use. However, some students may require—and should be allowed—additional time to complete the test, in accordance with standard New Jersey policies governing accommodations for students with disabilities and for English Language Learners.
- The exam consists of 47 questions, including 40 multiple-choice and 7 constructed-response questions. About one-third of students' scores will be based on the constructed-response questions, which consist of short-answer and extended-response items.
- The results of the May 2010 operational exam will include individual student score information and related summary reports. Individual student score information will be available on the PearsonAccess website sixteen days after Pearson receives all student responses from an entire school. Student/guardian reports and related summary reports will be available on the PearsonAccess website 16 days after Pearson receives student responses from all New Jersey districts. Paper copies of the student/guardian reports will be delivered to the districts 21 days after Pearson receives student responses from all New Jersey districts.



Below is a list of key milestones relative to the spring administration.

Task/Milestone	Date(s)
District test coordinators enter participation counts into the PearsonAccess website	February 1 – March 2, 2010
District test coordinators provide student pre-ID information (file layout attached)	February 1 – March 18, 2009
Test materials received by districts (one week before the test administration begins)	May 17, 2010
Test Sessions can be created (online testing only)	April 28 – June 2, 2010
Test administration	May 24 and May 27, 2010
Electronic roster reports with student-level results available on PearsonAccess website	16 days after Pearson receives all student responses from an entire school
Electronic summary reports available on PearsonAccess website	16 days after Pearson receives student responses from all New Jersey districts
Paper copies of student/guardian reports delivered to district	21 days after Pearson receives student responses from all New Jersey districts

Please note that a separate communication regarding the Algebra II End-of-Course Exam program is being sent to New Jersey districts. Additional information regarding ADP and the Algebra I/II consortium can be found on the Achieve website at www.achieve.org/ADPAssessmentConsortium.

If you have questions about the Algebra I End-of-Course Exam, please contact Pearson:

Telephone: 1-866-688-9555, Hours 6:00 AM to 7:30 PM (Central Time), Monday-Friday (except holidays)

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If you have state-specific questions about the Algebra I End-of-Course Exam program or other questions about New Jersey assessment policy, please contact Timothy Peters, director, Office of State Assessments, New Jersey Department of Education, at timothy.peters@doe.state.nj.us, or by telephone at (609) 984-7761.

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